कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) जी नहीं । ऐसे किसी घोटाले की सूचना भी नहीं मिली है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Grant of licence for the import of dry fruits to NCCF

1088. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV:
SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an ad hoc licence worth rupees one crore CIF for the import of dry fruits was granted to the National Consumer Cooperative Federation during the year 1982 on the recommendation of the Department of Food and Civil Supplies;

(b) whether it is also fact that the NCCF has been charged by the licensing authorities for violation of the conditions stipulated in the licence and consequently debarred it from importing the dry fruits for a period of five years; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken against the officers found responsible for this violation of the conditions of the licence resulting in serious irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Deputy Chief Controller of Imports and Exports in his order dated 21-4-1985 debarred NCCF for receiving import licence, CCPs, Importation under OGL and allotment of imported goods, through the canalising agencies for 5 (five) licensing periods namely AM 84 to AM 88 on the ground that NCCF had violated the conditions of licence. However, on the appeal made by the NCCF the debarred period has been reduced to 3 years by the licensing authorities.

(c) NCCF has reported that they have already initiated investigation into the matter.

Misuse of foreign exchange by Officers of Bank of India

1089. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some officers of the Bank of India, Northern Zone are facing inquiry for misuse of foreign exchange;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken against those officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Bank of India has reported that it has received an allegation against one of its Branch Managers in the North Western Zone concerning booking of scooters, by purchasing foreign exchange, and by selling them in the market at a higher rate. The bank is inquiring into the allegation.

Credit facilities given to M/s. Jain Shudh Vanaspati Company by Punjab and Sind Bank

1090. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab and Sind Bank allowed huge credit facilities for import of goods to M/s. Jain Shudh Vanaspati Company Limited and Jain Exports (P) Limited, Gaziabad without observing the usual formalities during the year 1982 despite unsatisfactory financial position of the company;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the money advanced for import purposes was diverted against two companies in which the sons of the Bank's erstwhile Chairman, Shri Inderjit Singh were partners; and

(c) whether any inquiry into the matter has been conducted, and if so, what action has bsen taken against the officers found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and to the extent available and permissible under the rules will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production of Janata cloth

1091. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target set for Janata cloth production at the end of the Sixth Plan period and at the end of the first year of the Seventh Plan;

(b) what was the actual production during the above mentioned periods; and

(c) what is the per-capita production of Janata cloth yearwise from 1980-81 to 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The target for Janata cloth production at the end of the Sixth Plan period in 1984-85 was 360 million square metres while that at the end of the first year of the Seventh Plan (1985-86) was 420 million square metres.

(b) The actual prouction at the end of the Sixth Plan period in 1984-85 was 357 million square metres while at the end of the first year of the Seventh Plan (1985-86) it is provisionally estimated to be around 400 million square metres.

(c) The per-capita production of janata cloth since 1980-81 to 1985-86 is as follows:—

1980-81	0·42 metres
1981-82	0·47 metres
1982-83	0·47 metres
1983-84	0·51 metres
1984-85	0·52 metres
1985-86	0·58 metres

Closed and locked out mills

1092. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many mills in the country including textile mills, jute mills and engineering mills continue to remain closed or under lock-out till date, State wise;

(b) the total number of workers affected due to closures and lock outs;

(c) the reasons for closure and lock-outs; and

(d) what steps are being taken to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Information on closures and lock-outs is maintained only by calendar years. A Statement on State-wise number of closures and lock-outs for the year ending 1985 is given below. (*See* below).

(b) The number of workers affected due to closures and lock-outs during the year 1985 respectively are 24,045 and 1,99,253.

(c) While the main reasons for closures are financial stringency, shortage of power and raw material, break-down of machinery, accumulation of stock etc., lock-outs have generally been due to indiscipline, wages and allowances, personnel and re-trenchment and bonus.

(d) The Industrial Relations Machinery both at the Centre and in the States continue to make efforts to get the closed units re-opened and lock-outs lifted.